

Application Serial No. 10/761,847
Reply to office action of July 12, 2005

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application before this amendment. By the present amendment, claim 7 has been canceled without prejudice, and claim 4 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

In the office action, claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-9, 11-12, and 14 stand allowed.

In the office action, the independent claim 4 and its dependent claims 10-13 stand rejected; however, the dependent claim 7 is indicated as being allowable if it is rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, all limitation of claim 7 has been incorporated into the base claim 4. There is no intervening claims.

For the reasons above, claims 1-6 and 8-14, now pending in the application, are in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in the next action.

Claims 15-19 are withdrawn in response to the examiner's earlier restriction requirement. The office action erroneously indicates claims 15-18 as withdrawn claims. Correction is requested. For clarity, the withdrawn claims 15-19 are listed in the listing of claims; however, the examiner is authorized to cancel the withdrawn claims should the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is proper in the next action. The applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application of the withdrawn claims.

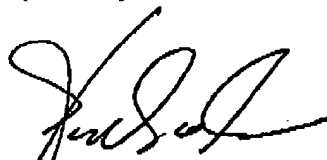
This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the office action. Should the examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the examiner

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is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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